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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced patent application, please amend the patent application as follows:

## In the Specification

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 31 and ending on page 4, line 7, and insert in its place:

A first aspect of this invention is a system for preventing tampering with signal conditioning circuitry in electronics that determines a parameter from signals received from sensors and transmits the parameter to a host system. The host system receives data from and send data to said signal conditioning circuitry and has a processing unit with a connected memory. Processing unit in the host system performs instructions stored in the memory that periodically transmit a request for authentication information to the signal conditioning circuitry, receive the authentication information the said signal conditioning circuitry, compares the authentication information with initial information, and signals an error in response to the authentication information not being equal to said initial information.